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Aquila Reaches Two-Millionth Download

On June 4, Aquila, the University's institutional repository, reached its two-millionth download. Aquila houses research and scholarship created by Southern Miss faculty, staff and students, and most of its content is open access, making it freely available to researchers. Since its launch in January of 2012, items in Aquila have been downloaded by individuals from 43,244 different institutions in 234 countries across six continents.

Aquila began as a joint venture between University Libraries, the Office of Research and the Office of the Provost and was originally conceived as a means of preserving and displaying faculty publications. As Aquila grew and its capabilities became more familiar, it became the repository for student works, event recordings, committee minutes and resolutions, and even served as a publishing platform for academic journals. Now in its eighth year, Aquila also includes research datasets and open textbooks.

Check out Aquila [here!](#)



Sam Woods Collection Featured in Online Exhibit

Sam Edison Woods, a career diplomat and donor to the University, is the subject of a new online exhibit for University Libraries' Special Collections. The Sam Woods Collection contains materials owned by Woods, and includes items such as furniture, art, prints and books. These items once decorated his home and were the foundation of the University's Special Collections.

The exhibit is available by clicking [here](#) or visiting the [Special Collections](#) page and clicking Exhibits.

For more information on the collection and the exhibit, contact Jennifer Brannock at 601.266.4347 or Jennifer.Brannock@usm.edu

Click [here](#) to read more.



Gulf Coast Library Presents "Art on Fire"

The University of Southern Mississippi's Gulf Coast Library presents "Art on Fire," by local artists Christi Thinker and Adrian Ladner. Over forty pieces of their work are displayed on the first and second floors of the library through August.

Thinker and Ladner developed "Art on Fire" through many years of trial and error. While Ladner is the engineer and craftsman, Thinker's artful soul and vision fuels their craft as a team. Their teamwork represents two sides of the spectrum, resulting in beautiful one-of-a-kind works of art.

"Art on Fire" has been shown at the Peter Anderson Festival and various galleries across south Mississippi.

For more information, contact Jamie Stanfield at 228.214.3467 or Jamie.Stanfield@usm.edu.



Soniat Recognized for Service to University's Staff Council

Carolyn Soniat, administrative assistant in Cook Library, was recently recognized for her service to the University's Staff Council, where she was a member from July 2016 to June 2019. During her tenure, she served as secretary-elect, secretary, and a

member of the technology committee.

Soniat says, "Serving on staff council at Southern Miss has been a great honor. I feel it is an important job as it ensures that every staff member has a voice when decisions about the University are being made." She also considers it an honor to have worked alongside the intelligent and hardworking staff professionals from around campus.

Soniat has worked as the administrative assistant in Cook Library since 2011.

